Commission. However, the Government has not undertaken any separate study in this regard.

(d) and (e) The Pay Commission has not recommended extension of the facility of Leave Travel concession to retired employees of the Central Government. The Pay Commission has also not found any merit in the demand for travel concessions to pensioners. The Commission, however, recommended that the existing 25% concession in rail fare should be allowed to Central Government Pensioners on attaining the age of 60. The Government has considered this recommendation and has not found it feasible to accept because it will involve change in the definition of senior citizens and also because it will be discriminatory *vis-a-vis* other senior citizens.

Regional office of Staff Selection Commission at Patna

†590. SHRI VIJAY SINGH YADAV: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up a regional office of Staff Selection Commission in Patna, the capital of Bihar;

(b) if so, by when; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING AND DEPARTMENT OF PENSIONS AND PENSIONERS' WELFARE OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Each Regional Office of Staff Selection Commission (SSC) caters to the requirements of two or more States/UTs. The Central Region Office of the Commission at Allahabad caters only to the States of U.P. and Bihar. In view of this and the financial constraints, it has not been possible to open a separate Regional Office at Patna.

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